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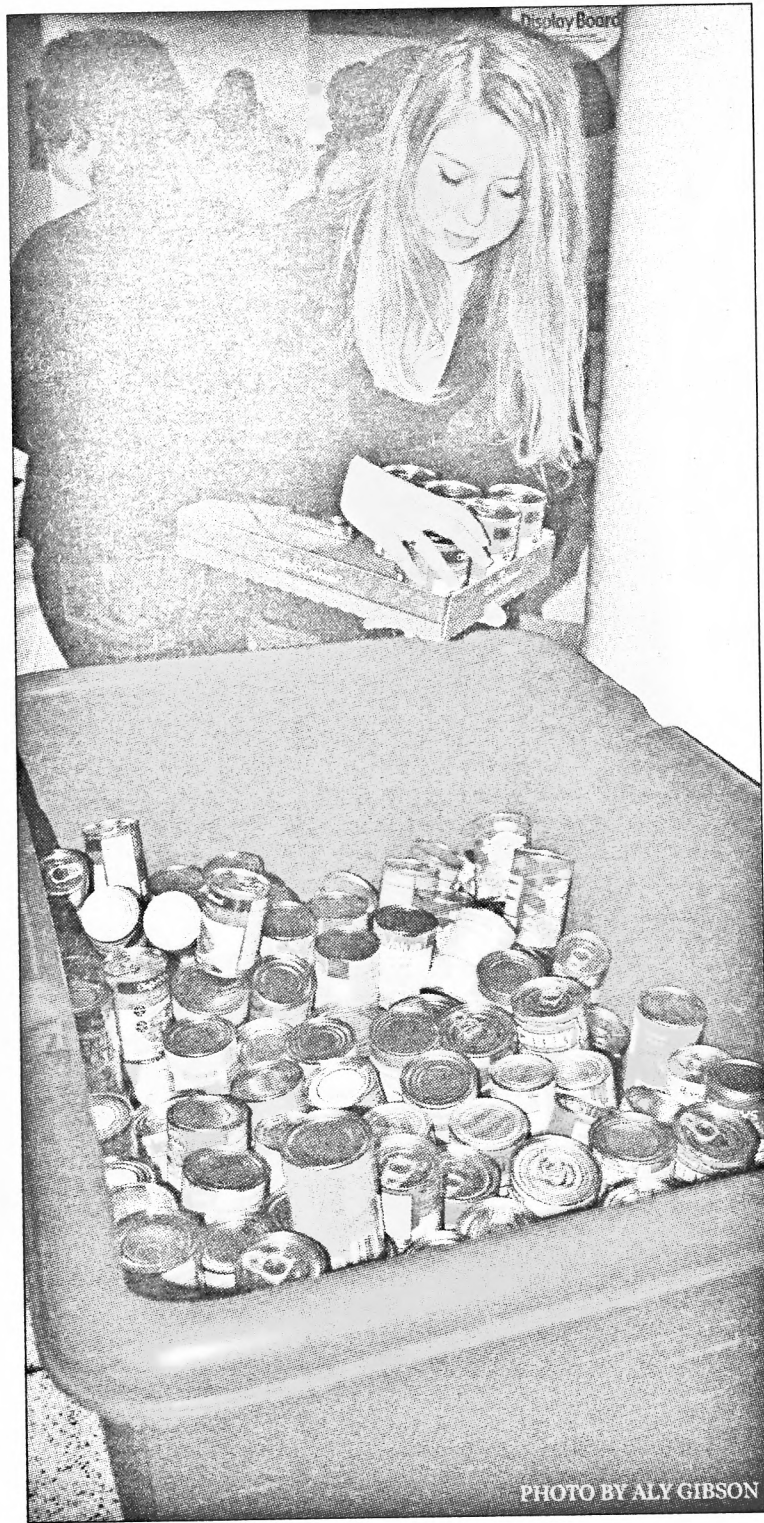


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Junior Kayla Rolling counts the number of cans that were donated at "Hoops for Hunger" on Dec. 7. Admission to the basketball games was simple: one nonperishable food item or a \$1 donation for the Center of Hope in Kankakee. Approximately 525 nonperishable food items were collected for the center as well.

Class project turns into campus event

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Students, faculty, staff and members from the Bourbonnais community donated at least 500 nonperishable food items during "Hoops for Hunger," the main event of World Hunger Awareness Day Tuesday.

For an assignment in Dr. Catherine Anstrom's World Food Problem class, students were to take part in some sort of service project that dealt with hunger issues, according to junior Kayla Rolling. Rolling, juniors Danielle Pipal and Emily Del Soldato, and seniors Lisa Beyer and Brianna Robins created the idea for World Hunger Awareness Day.

"We wanted to bring awareness to the Olivet community of the desperate need to take a stand for starving people, and how necessary it is for everyone to get involved in some way or another," Rolling said.

Since Beyer and Pipal play on the women's basketball team, the group wanted to incorporate the basketball games into the project. The group decided to make Dec. 7 their Hunger Awareness and "Hoops for Hunger" Day.

Posters with world and local hunger statistics hung in Ludwig the day of the event, and the five ladies tied white ribbons around the trees in the quad to symbolize the millions of people who die from starvation each year.

Rolling said that, during half-time of the men's basketball game, the group hosted a relay game in which participants had to race to grab a cereal box from the half-court line while their team-

mate made a layup. The first team to complete both tasks won athletic T-shirts.

"We also had a huge world in the center of the McHie Lobby where people could toss coins to see if they could land their coin in the middle to win an athletic shirt," Rolling said. "All coins from the world, monetary donations and food donations are being donated to the Center of Hope, a local food pantry in Kankakee."

Representatives from the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Center of Hope in Kankakee also spoke about their places of service to students who were interested in getting involved in the local community.

Little Caesars Pizza in Bourbonnais helped as well.

"We were definitely not expecting a business to get so involved in the day," Rolling said. "The owner of Little Caesars, Kristina Back, contacted Olivet and told them that she wanted to give away 1,000 pizzas to encourage students to donate food. It was an absolute blessing to see an area business support our 'Hoops for Hunger' so enthusiastically."

At the end of the night, Little Caesars gave away 109 HOT-N-READY® pizza coupons, and 525 nonperishable food items were collected for the Center of Hope. The center also collected \$135 during the event.

Overall, Rolling thought the event was a success.

"I feel that many students were made aware of the seriousness of world hunger," she said. "At least, the different aspects of the day made students remember that there are less fortunate people in this world."

Beyond Olivet

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National

Three celebrities die within one week

Elizabeth Edwards, the estranged wife of 2004 presidential candidate John Edwards, died this week after a six-year battle with cancer, according to CNN. She was 61 years old.

Edwards was first diagnosed with breast cancer shortly after her husband lost his bid for vice president in November 2004. She passed away at home on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Comedic actor Leslie Nielsen also passed away earlier this week at the age of 84, CNN reported. He died from complications of pneumonia on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Nielsen had entertained fans for almost 60 years. He is best known for his roles in films such as "Naked Gun" and "Airplane!"

Former Chicago Cubs third baseman Ron Santos died of complications from bladder cancer on Thursday, Dec. 2, the Chicago Tribune reported. He was 70.

Santos made the National League All-Star team nine times and earned the Gold Glove award five straight seasons, but never made the Baseball Hall of Fame. After 15 years, he retired from the game and began broadcasting for the Cubs.

Local

Civil unions bill is passed in Illinois

The Illinois Senate and the state House of Representatives approved a new civil unions bill, NBC reported on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

If passed, the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act would grant heterosexual and gay couples many of the same rights as married couples. These liberties range from legal rights on probate matters to the privilege of visiting a partner in the hospital in situations when only family members are allowed.

Illinois would be the sixth state to recognize civil unions if the legislation is signed. It currently does not allow same-sex couples to marry.

The bill now moves to the desk of Gov. Pat Quinn, who has pledged to sign it into law, the Huffington Post reported on Dec. 1. If passed, it will take effect on July 1, 2011.

Illusionist reappears at Christmas Banquet

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Olivet's most formal annual event, Christmas Banquet, is back in its original time and place. Social Life Committee will host an illusionist as this year's featured entertainment.

The event has been moved back to December from February, which is when last year's banquet was held. VP for Social Life Kyle Lowry said the Associated Student Council had planned it that way so that students would not be stressed, since the banquet was not during finals week. However, plans changed for this year.

"Students seemed to get the idea that since [the banquet] was in February it was a Valentine's Day related event, and that was not the persona we wanted our

formal to have," Lowry said. "We hated the idea of alienating people because they didn't want to ask a date to go. Christmas Banquet is a campus-wide event despite your relationship status."

In the past, entertainment such as Denver and the Mile High Orchestra or comedy acts have been the highlight of the banquet, but this year an illusionist will take the stage, endowing the name of "Winter Illusions" to the event.

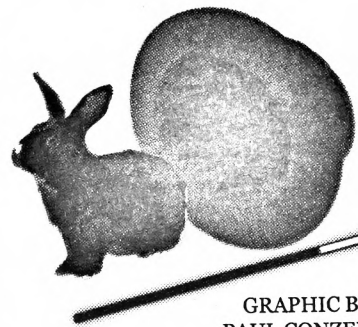
"We wanted a form of entertainment that had that classy, formal feel, and an illusionist absolutely fits the bill," Lowry said.

David Horsager, the illusionist, has performed at Olivet's Christmas Banquet four times in the past, although not in the last four years. This year's crop of students will be seeing his act for the first time.

Horsager recently switched from being an illusionist to being a corporate speaker and writer.

"He actually agreed to put the old top hat, rabbit most likely included, back on just for us since his act has gone over so well at past Christmas Banquets," Lowry said.

Since Horsager switched to the corporate world, he served as the director of K-Life Inc., co-founded Special Delivery Productions, continues to research and consult through Horsager Leadership Studio, and is best known for his book "The Trust Edge," according to his website, ideahorse.com. He is also adjunct professor of Organizational Leadership for Bethel University's graduate program in St. Paul, Minn. Horsager now resides in Minneapolis with his wife and three kids.



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Students and guests who have tickets for Christmas Banquet can see Horsager's act in Chalfant Hall on Dec. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30.

"Winter Illusions" not only aims to shatter the illusion of romance being essential to having a good time, but also recreates the illusion of a long-hidden performer ready to come out of his own top hat.

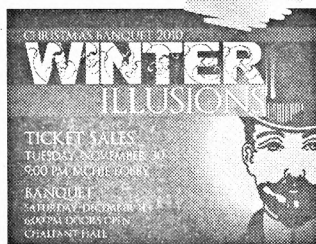


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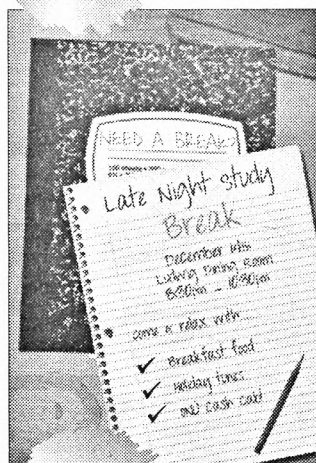
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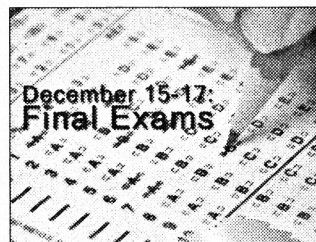
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PHOTO BY ALY GIBSON

Sophomore Jesse Mezera waits for traffic to clear at the intersection of Route 45 and Route 102. Once the bridge is built, students will be able to get to campus without the hassle of waiting at the light.

Bridge to be built over Route 45

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The intersection of Route 45 and Route 102 can be a busy and dangerous place, especially for students who are rushing to class.

Sophomore Kenzie Redwine was hit by a van while riding her bike to campus on Friday, Oct. 8.

Redwine, who lives in Oak Run, was crossing Route 45 near Dairy Queen when a van turning right off Route 102 struck her and knocked her off her bike. The driver did not stop. Although she was not seriously injured, her ribs were badly bruised.

Because there is no camera at that intersection, Redwine will never know who hit her.

Many students who live off-campus at the Oaks apartments have trouble crossing the busy intersection where Routes 45 and 102 meet. To mend the situation, Olivet administrators have proposed a bridge that would stretch across the intersection from Route 45 to campus.

"We want to create a convenient and safer means for students

'We want to create a convenient and safer means for students to access the main campus from the Oaks living area.'

to access the main campus from the Oaks living area," said Woody Webb, VP for Student Development. "We've been considering a pedestrian bridge for a couple of years."

Webb said two designs have been discussed for the bridge — one with an elevator and one with a ramp. The enclosed structure would be functional for students, keeping out the winter winds and allowing students to walk their bikes across the bridge easily.

The idea of a walkway over Route 45 was first discussed two years ago, but construction has been delayed due to financial setbacks.

"We thought that we had a good chance of receiving funding for the project, but it did not materialize," Webb said.

However, the A-Team plans to

try again. The Village of Bourbonnais and the state of Illinois must approve the design for the bridge. Then, as soon as funding becomes available, construction will begin, Webb said.

The estimated cost for the new structure is between \$1.5 million and \$3 million, he added.

According to University President John C. Bowling, Olivet hopes to split the cost three ways: Olivet would pay a third, the Village of Bourbonnais would pay a third, and the federal government would pay a third.

Administrators and students alike believe the benefits will outweigh the cost of the bridge.

"The most significant benefit of the bridge will be convenience and a safer means of crossing the roadway," Webb said.

Some students living in the

Oaks are looking forward to a faster way to get to class.

"The bridge will be a great help," sophomore Shelby Van Buren said. "There have been plenty of times where I've been almost late or even late to class because I have had to wait for the light to cross. It usually takes me about 10 minutes to walk to class on a good day and it can take a significant amount longer if I have to wait a long time at the light. [The bridge] will also make me feel safer when walking to class. That intersection is extremely busy, and there are a ton of idiot drivers around here."

Redwine, on the other hand, worries about the dangers that will come with construction.

"I know there are other students that have gotten hit, or [who have] nearly been hit," she said. "[I think that] a larger sign needs to be added directly at the intersection so people know to watch more closely. The actual construction of the bridge will cause a lot of traffic and could be dangerous too, so they need to probably build it over the summer."

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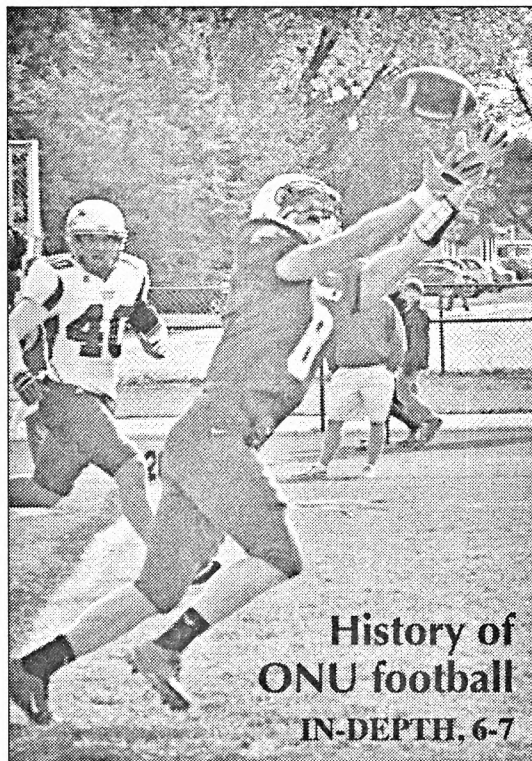
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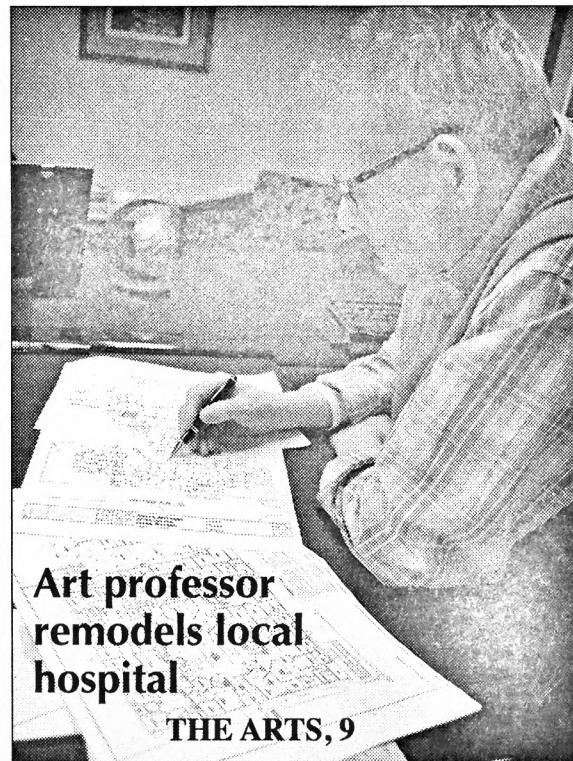
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Football team may have new coach by next week



Freshman linebacker Dallas Gregory runs the ball during the Homecoming game.

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Olivet's football team might have a new man at the helm by as early as next week.

By the time the *GlimmerGlass* went to press, the field of candidates for the position of head coach had been narrowed down to five: three current head college football coaches and two college offensive coordinators, athletic director Gary Newsome said.

If all went well, the top can-

didate could be interviewed on campus next week. Newsome said he aimed to submit the athletic department's recommendation to the A-team before leaving for Hawaii next Thursday with the women's basketball team.

Newsome was tight-lipped about who the candidates are, but did say that no one currently at Olivet was on the list.

The search for a new leader, which started when head coach Don Lee resigned unexpectedly on Nov. 9, gained momentum this week as the athletic department

worked its way through a record number of applications. Newsome said some 70 candidates had applied for the position by the application deadline on Dec. 3.

The most important criteria are:

- A strong personal relationship with Christ.
- At least a master's degree (coaches also teach).
- Former or current head college football coach.
- Former or current college coordinator or head high school football coach.

Lee's resignation:

Some players feel betrayed

Former Head Coach Don Lee shocked his football players when he resigned. Some of them spoke about their disappointment after he left.



"It was the biggest bust since I've been at ONU. He was one of the biggest reasons I came to Olivet, and he just left."

— freshman Marty Wade



"I was upset [that Coach Lee left]. He could have warned us beforehand. I made ONU my home, but I just don't feel like he put in the effort at the end."

— freshman Robert McKay



"I felt betrayed because he was one of the main reasons I came to ONU. He talked a lot about being a family, and then he left."

— freshman Kenneth Moore



"I felt like [Coach Lee] helped me change my life around. His leaving left me heartbroken because I looked up to him. But I felt like he was forced to leave."

— junior Tye Taylor

PHOTOS BY ALY GIBSON

Clock tower is completed

The Milby Clock Tower was finished on Thursday, Dec. 9. The top had been removed in October so the tower could be made 25 feet taller to fit with the look of the rest of campus, according to Matt Whitis, Physical Plant Director.

The area around the base of the tower also received a facelift. The new dome, known as the cupola, was made in Kentucky.

The improvements to the clock tower were part of the campus beautification project.

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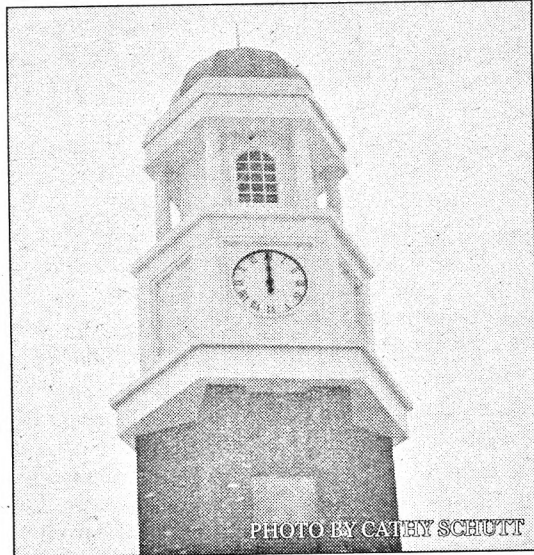


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Students win cash in essay contest

'Our society is lacking leaders with integrity; it's important that we instill those values in our young.'

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Three ONU students were awarded cash prizes through the Reed Essay Contest for their written comprehension of leadership.

The first place \$500 prize went to junior Blaine Manning, the second place prize of \$250 went to sophomore Connor Dimick and the third place prize of \$100 dollars was awarded to sophomore Victoria Smallegan.

Manning's first-place paper was about the importance of the "integrity factor" in differentiating between and effective leader and an exceptional one.

"I used Presidents Lincoln and Nixon as examples," he said. "Objectively, both were equally

good leaders; but only one is remembered as being exceptional because of his personal integrity."

The student participation was significantly higher this year than in years past. Previously, the height of student participation was 15 applicants, according to Beth Olney, Director of the Center for Student Success and contest organizer. This year 97 students from all grade levels submitted essays.

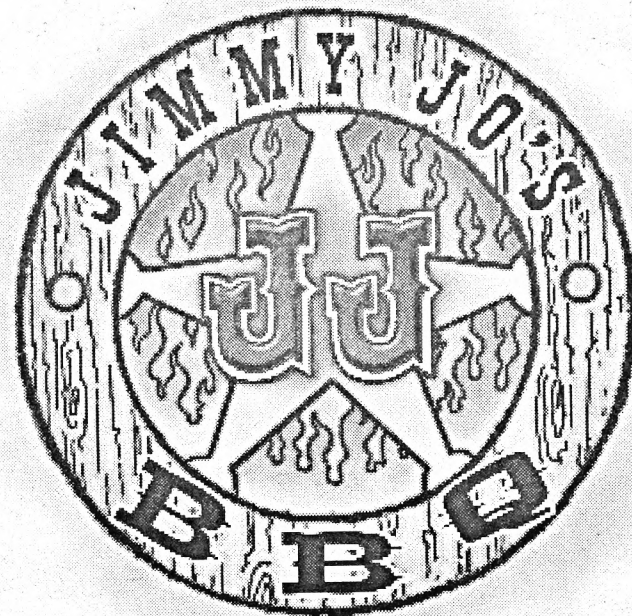
Olney said the purpose of the contest is to encourage students to think about leadership principles and values.

"Our society is lacking leaders with integrity," she said. "It's important that we instill those values in our young."

The Reed Essay Contest was

developed by the family of former ONU president Dr. Harold Reed, Olney said. It was designed to keep ethical leadership in the minds of students throughout their educational experience. The contest takes place once a year, and money is donated by the Reed family to award to winners, as well as pay for the luncheon and the speaker.

The 97 essays were divided between eight judges. These judges then picked their favorite two essays and compared their results to determine the top three essays. Participants were ranked based on their ability to write and follow directions. Judges also looked at the content and the students' ability to create a solid introduction and conclusion.



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Editorial

Football coach

The search for a new head coach for the Olivet football team has re-energized hopes that ONU will once again be a force to be reckoned with – just like before the 1999 season when the Tigers were picked as number two in the country in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) polls after losing to Asuza Pacific in the NAIA title game in 1998.

Few people would welcome a reminder that the team went down 0-11 this fall, and 2-9 last year. It is not as if there is a lack of talent among the Tigers. After all, five ONU football players were selected to the Mid-States Football Association Mideast All-League team, Olivet announced Nov. 19.

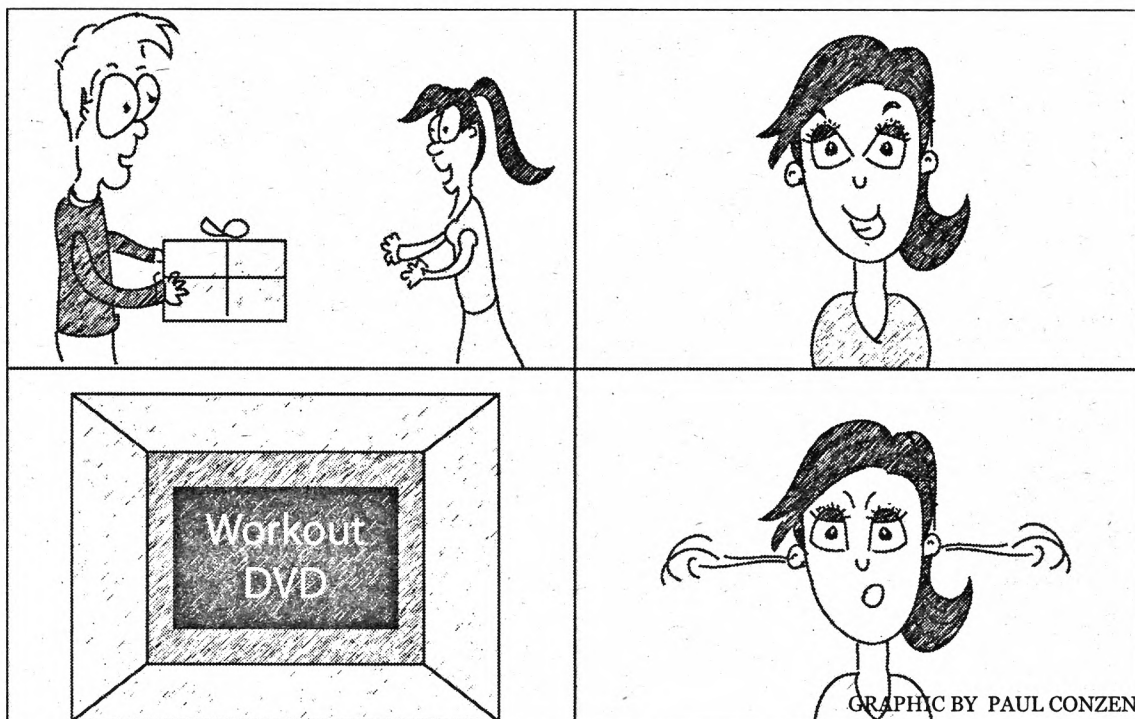
After many years of drought, however, ONU deserves to get back on the football map.

It is as yet uncertain who is even in the running for the position left vacant when Coach Don Lee suddenly resigned last month, reportedly due to personal reasons. Athletic director Gary Newsome

said the department was working its way through some 70 applications, and that on-campus interviews with “one or two” candidates could take place next week. Lee may not have had a winning record on the field, but off the field he left his mark, which includes continuing to cultivate an ethos of caring. Several players voiced their shock at Lee’s resignation and said they did not want him to go. “He’s changed my life more than anyone,” red-shirt junior Tyreze Taylor said.

In an interview shortly before he stepped down, Lee told *GlimmerGlass* reporter Rachel Kearney that he cares about the person, not just the player (read the in-depth article on pages 6-7).

This legacy should be kept in mind when choosing a new coach. Although it is high time that the football Tigers once again shine on the field, it is important that the athletic department chooses a head coach who nurtures winners off the field too – just like Lee did.



Choosing the perfect gift for someone on your Christmas list can be a daunting task. Getting a significant other a weight-loss gift is not the way to go, though.

Make your gifts, save some cash

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It's that time of year again. 2010 is almost over. The holidays are coming and you need to figure out what to get everyone on your shopping list, right? Here are a few simple and cheap, but thoughtful ideas to warm the hearts of your loved-ones this holiday season.

Baby, it's cold outside!

Everyone needs something to warm their hands and to calm their shivering bodies. Buy that special someone a trademark coffee mug. It could have their favorite cartoon character on it. It could be their favorite color. It could even be personalized with their name on it. Adorn it with the

coffee they love most, the richest hot chocolate mix you can find, or a homemade apple cider recipe.

Remember when ...

As kids, we all used to make homemade cards. As we grew up though, we got jobs and our parents wanted us to spend money on them. Put your foot down. Let your parents know that you are just as broke now as you were when you asked them for money every Friday night. Make them a card. Make them an “I.O.U.” coupon to go along with it too. Parents love this. You can give them a coupon that says “I’ll make dinner for you before I go back to Olivet” or “Redeem this coupon for one (extra) chore to be done around the house.” Be creative.

Technology wins again

For those of you that are tech-savvy, take the homemade card to a whole new level – make a video greeting card. Be the director. You can cast roles and make it into a cheesy play or just scan your family and have everyone say hi. Email it to your family members or put it on a DVD.

Travel back in time

Start a new tradition by making a calendar with the twelve best pictures from 2010 for 2011. Document your family’s or your friend’s time together over the past twelve months, print the finished product and send it as Christmas gifts to anyone who was pictured. Over the course of 2011, look back and enjoy.

Illinois takes a step toward equal rights

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Something extraordinary happened on Dec. 1. While we were in classes, napping, or simply sipping coffee, the first steps toward equality were taken in the great state of Illinois as both the House of Representatives and Senate passed a bill allowing civil unions for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) and heterosexual couples.

This is but the first step in what indubitably is to be a long and convoluted process as the fight for same-sex marriage continues not just here, but throughout the nation. Federal benefits will still be denied same sex couples. Couples electing to pursue this new option will be plagued with the battle of recognition as a mere eleven states plus Washington, D.C. provide a state level recognition for gay

and lesbian couples, while only six provide marriage rights.

Only through innovative advocacy, education and resiliency do we secure equal rights for LGBT individuals. I realize now what Harvey Milk meant when he said: “I fully realize that a person who stands for what I stand for, an activist, a gay activist, becomes the target or the potential target for a person who is insecure, terrified, afraid, or very disturbed with themselves.” But I stand before you fully embracing that, while whatever we do, as Gandhi said, “will be insignificant,” it is still important that we do it. Whether you agree with homosexuality or not, the rights of minorities must be protected. It won’t be long before we all are minorities ourselves. So, I exhort you; protect those who are minorities now so that you may, when the time comes, be protected as well.

A Christmas message from the president

Advent on a college campus can be a very hectic time - final exams, sleepless nights, preparations to leave for break and other end-of-the-semester activities; there is hardly any room for Christ. And yet, I believe that if you seek Him, even in the midst of busy days, you will find Him.

My prayer for you is that you may see a star, some specific sign that gives clear direction for your life, that you may encounter angels, the messengers of God, who help to clarify His will for

you. My invitation is for you to be alert and sensitive to the movement of God in your life particularly during this season of preparation.

Let Advent be a time when you pause to take God-look at your life and then give to others what God has given to you. Share encouragement, forgiveness, love and mercy – share the good news that a Savior has been born. These are valuable gifts that keep on giving long after Christmas.

—Dr. John C. Bowling, University President

Kayla says: ‘Know the facts before you bash’

I love Sodexo, and I am extremely blessed to have the food they serve us. Ask anyone that knows me, and they will tell you how much I brag about Sodexo.

It is important for all of us to realize the details that take place behind the scenes in Sodexo.

For instance, there are Sodexo employees working 24 hours a day in order to serve 2000-2200 meals each day to Olivet students, and cook food for six area elementary schools. There are two shifts of day crews, and there is a faithful midnight crew who prepare all the “Simply To Go” items

for the next day, according to Ed Daugherty, Sodexo General Manager. About 3000 hours are spent each week in operating Ludwig Cafeteria alone.

These employees have a passion to feed students. For example, Mattie Lane, has been here for 44 years. She arrives by 4 a.m. every morning to bake items just for us and with her help, 95 percent of the bakery items are made from scratch.

Other chefs and cooks share Lane’s desire to serve Olivet students. I remember working with employee Caesar Soto during my

practicum with Sodexo, and he looks at every baby red potato quarter individually looking for bad spots on them before putting them in the homemade soups. He does this because he wants the best quality. Soto and the other chefs in Sodexo taste everything they serve to make sure that it is great quality.

Sodexo meals may not be like your momma’s cookin’, but you have to give credit to the chefs who can cook for hundreds of people and are still able to give us so much variety. For a school of our size, we are extremely lucky

to have such a variety of food.

You should be amazed to know that last year, Olivet scored a 100 percent on the Food Safety and Sanitation inspection, and this year we scored a 99 percent. Getting above 90 percent is no easy feat, and Daugherty’s greatest concern in the kitchen is food safety. Olivet’s Sodexo is so clean and organized that other schools come to tour us to mimic what we do here for food safety and sanitation. We are that good.

Don’t complain about the oil either because the oil Sodexo uses has no trans fat.



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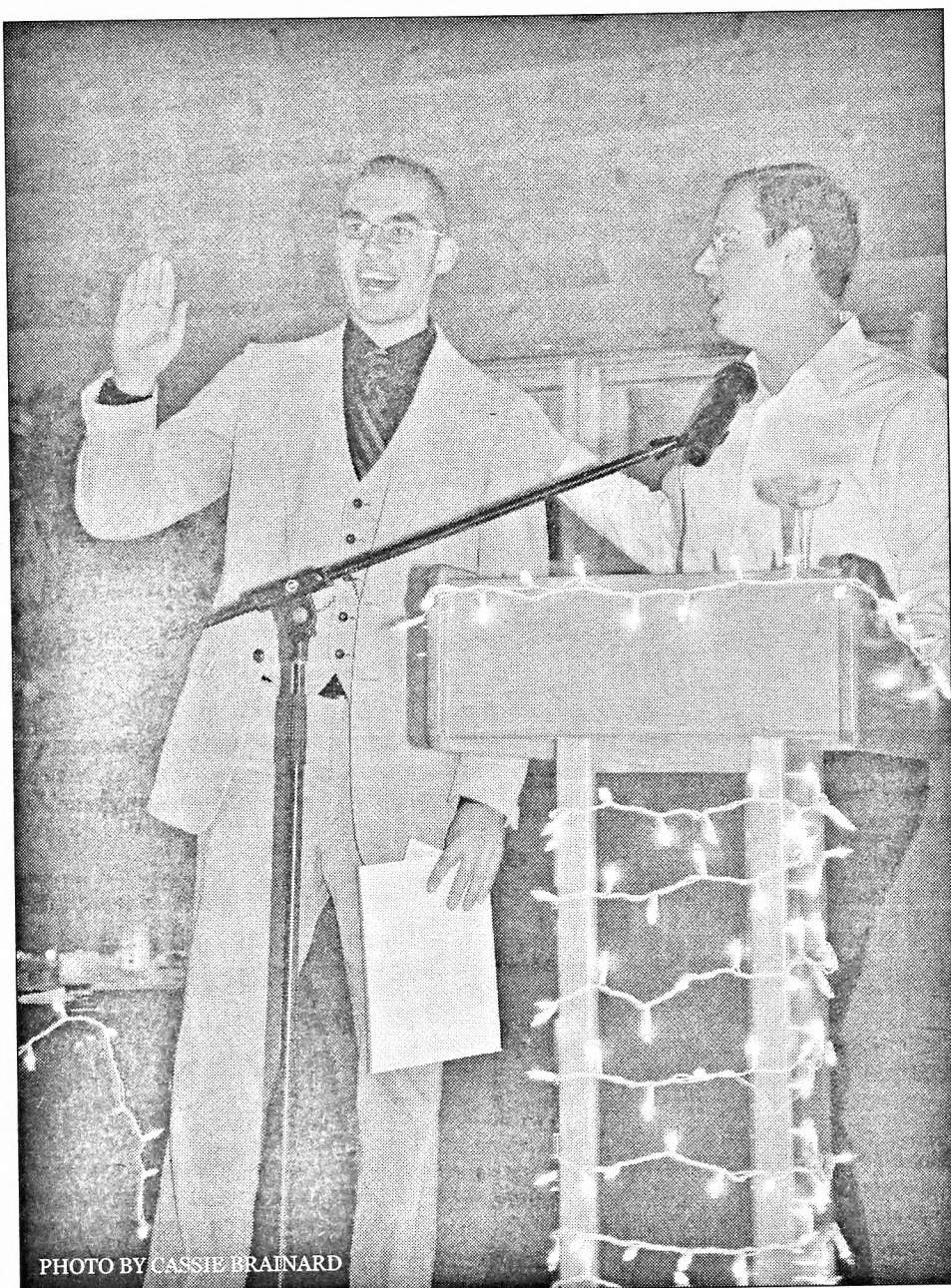


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Paul Jackson won Best Corduroy Suit at The Tobies, the award ceremony for the senior class. Jackson said he typically dresses up on Wednesdays and has worn the suit many times throughout the past three years. "I was kind of expecting it," Jackson said. Each attendee won an award based on their personalities or accomplishments.

Senior awards highlight best, worst and weirdest

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Only Olivet students are given awards for being "Wisner's Prisoner Set Loose" or "Four Year Sodexo Worker Survivor."

Those awards and many more were part of The Tobies, the award ceremony for the 2011 senior class.

In addition to replays of the Ollies Follies Variety Show, the event's main feature was an award ceremony at which the attendees each were given an award based upon their personalities and their accomplishments throughout their time at Olivet.

"We wanted to get the entire senior class together one last time and just award them for being themselves because many are graduating this semester or will be doing internships next semester," said senior class president Shannon Battershell.

She said there were at least 160 students in attendance that evening. Many of them were there simply to reconnect with their friends.

"It's good to see people that you haven't seen since freshmen year, or last year, or even just today," Liz Foster said.

Professor Howard Van Dyke emceed the event.

"I'm going to miss all these kids. I had them all in class; they were the second generation to come through me," he said.

In fact, Van Dyke is in his last year at Olivet as well so he feels like a senior himself.

"They're very special to me," he said. To decide what to award each attend-

ee, Battershell said the class council held meetings where they discussed what made each person unique for their personalized award.

For classmates the council did not know well enough, other classmates and roommates helped them out.

"It was fun getting to know classmates on a personal level," Battershell said.

The seniors received certificates and "gag-gifts" that were meant to be light-hearted and funny. One student received a pair of socks and another was awarded a toy racecar.

The class shared laughs as each award was announced and many students paused to explain or defend their awards.

Katie McDonald received "The Olivetian For Life" award. Van Dyke said she would be in "the bubble" forever.

"Not true," she expressed to a laughing audience. "I'm going to be working in Indianapolis."

Erica Engelbrecht won "Tennis/Soccer/Biology Extraordinaire ... When She Leaves Her Closet," because she has her desk in the closet.

"Do you know how much money you pay for them to put you in the closet?" Van Dyke asked Engelbrecht. "It all goes to shrubbery!"

While the class had a fun evening of reconnecting and laughter, it was also a good example of how far the students have come in their four years.

"It was fun and glamorous getting all dressed up together," said Angela Lee. "We were once squirrely freshmen, and now we look grownup."

'I found Jesus in El Salvador'

"A 12-year-old girl who did not know English laid her hands on me and began praying for me in English. God used the gift of tongues to reach me."

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Junior Kyle Knight is a year behind in school. He once was in the class of 2011, but is now a part of the class of 2012. Instead of continuing school at Olivet after his freshman year, Knight spent over 11 months in El Salvador.

Knight spent August 2008 - July 2009 working with King's Castle Ministries, an Assembly of God Association.

While in Central America, Knight helped street children throughout the country. He spent some time in the capital, San Salvador, but he worked near Coatepeque Lake most of his time. He also devoted some time to the families in Potrerillos, a mountain community.

Knight, a double major in social work and Spanish, traveled to El Salvador partially to learn the language.

"I knew I wanted to learn Spanish, and classes weren't working well at school," Knight said. "I'd always connected with Hispanic people and enjoyed their culture."

Another reason he went though was to see if God would show Himself.

"I honestly wasn't a Christian before I went, but I was open to God working in my life. If He did, good; if not, oh well."

His casual thoughts on God's work changed drastically during a church service, however.

"I found Jesus in El Salvador. A 12-year-old girl who did not know English laid her hands on me and began praying for me in English. God used the gift of tongues to reach me."

Knight believes God used the girl to help break through barriers that were keeping him from Christ.

"I think very logically, so it took something extreme for God to get my attention," he said. "I'm logical and I'm stubborn."

After encountering the gift of tongues, Knight's attitude toward his work changed.

"I love helping people. Becoming a Christian changed my outlook. I cared more for the actual well-being of the kids."

This miracle turned out to be just one of many Knight witnessed.

A young girl born without a sense

of smell was able to smell for the first time.

A child with a tumor was healed when Knight and others prayed for him.

Knight did learn Spanish in El Salvador, but those who know him realize Knight's trip was more than a language-learning experience.

"Kyle has changed. There is no doubt," said Shelia Hyde, a family friend. "There is new strength, confidence and maturity in him that is impressive."

Knight's parents noticed changes too.

"Kyle is a more purposeful student now that he sees the value in his studies enabling God to use him to help the immigrants here in the states," his mother, Pam Knight said, "God has enhanced his gift of empathy."

Knight described his experience as "completely life changing."

"I accepted Christ, gained a tremendous amount of patience, and learned to love people more," Knight said. "It made me think less of myself and more of others."



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Kyle Knight spent 11 months in El Salvador working with King's Castle Ministries to learn Spanish and help children in need. His experience was "completely life changing."

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Growing in FAITH and FOOTBALL

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Jim Doenges has been running the clock for Olivet football games "ever since Olivet has had football."

It all began in 1968 when Coach C.W. Ward asked Doenges to do the scoreboard for basketball games. Eventually, he branched out to football after the program started. He has been doing it ever since.

"I have enjoyed seeing ONU play football and basketball," Doenges said. "I even attended the football game in Kentucky when they took second place in the nation."

In 1998, Olivet lost to Asuza Pacific in the NAIA title game under Coach Mike Conway. It was the first playoff trip for any Olivet football team.

Today, you will still see Doenges running the clock at football games. But it's not quite the same as it was twelve years ago. And with ONU being without a head coach since the sudden resignation of Don Lee early in November, the future seems very uncertain.

Last year, Olivet football went 2-9. The last time they had a winning record was in 2007 when the team went 6-5. Before that was in 2004 when they went 7-5. This fall, the team went 0-11.

Things changed for Olivet in 1999, when they were predicted to remain at the top level. Before the season, they were picked as number two in the country in the NAIA polls, according to an olivet.edu

article from Sept. 1999. However, though the team did tie for the Mid-States Football Association's Midwest League conference title, they did not make it to the play-offs.

Instead, their season was surrounded in controversy that almost lead to the demise of the football program itself.

In November of that year there was an "off-campus incident between one of the players and a female student," according to an article on the University's web site. Two years before, a similar incident had occurred. After this second incident, Olivet President Dr. John Bowling and the Administrative Team decided that the football program would be reviewed, possibly even discontinued.

Before Bowling and his team came out with an answer, Conway, who finished 31-14 as ONU's head coach, left for an assistant coaching job at a small college in Pennsylvania.

A few days after Conway announced his resignation, Bowling announced that ONU would keep the team. The search for a new coach began, and it ended when Olivet alum and former baseball and assistant football coach Gary Newsome took the job.

"I came back to ONU for one big reason," Newsome said. "Coach Watson, my former coach and mentor, said he needed my help. After explaining what had happened with the program, that is, players leaving - well, I never could say no to Coach Watson or ONU."

Over seventy players had already left the program, leaving Newsome with 23 men to build a team on, Newsome said. He eventually built the team to 85 players

by the fall of 2000, and the team made it to the NAIA playoffs, though they were eliminated in the first round.

Newsome would go on to win a conference championship and be named co-conference coach of the year in 2007 during his nine-year coaching career at Olivet. He would then hand over the reigns to former player and Olivet alum Don Lee in order to fully take on the athletic director position he was given in 2008.

But even with Newsome's successful rebuild of the team, according to several people connected to ONU football the program was never the same after that 1999 season.

"We can't really afford to get in trouble [because of what happened in 1999]," said red-shirt junior Tyreze Taylor. He added that it includes staying out of trouble in the classroom as well as not violating school rules - a difficult task since many players claim they were not informed about Olivet's rules when they were recruited. Some, like Taylor, did not even know ONU was a Christian school.

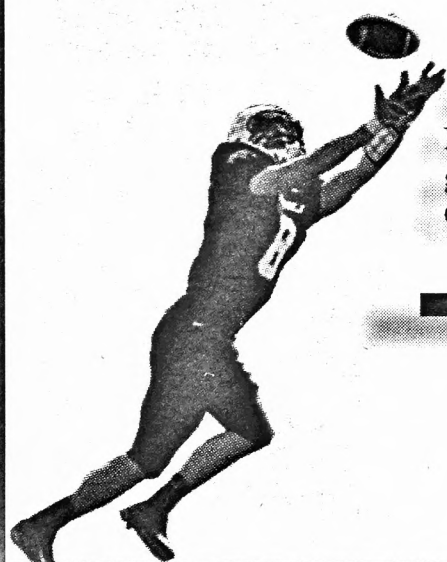
"I had friends who came here that told me about the rules and how strict they were," sophomore Erik Otte said. "I thought they were pulling my leg."

According to Taylor, many players end up leaving Olivet, because of bad grades or because they don't like the rules. Taylor said this has a major effect on the team and its success.

"If people stayed, we'd be better," Taylor said. "It seems like every year is a rebuilding year."

Though Taylor is not a fan of the rules

Junior Josh Long (below) transferred to Olivet to play college football.



Olivet lost to Asuza Pacific in the NAIA title game under Coach Mike Conway ending the season 11-3.

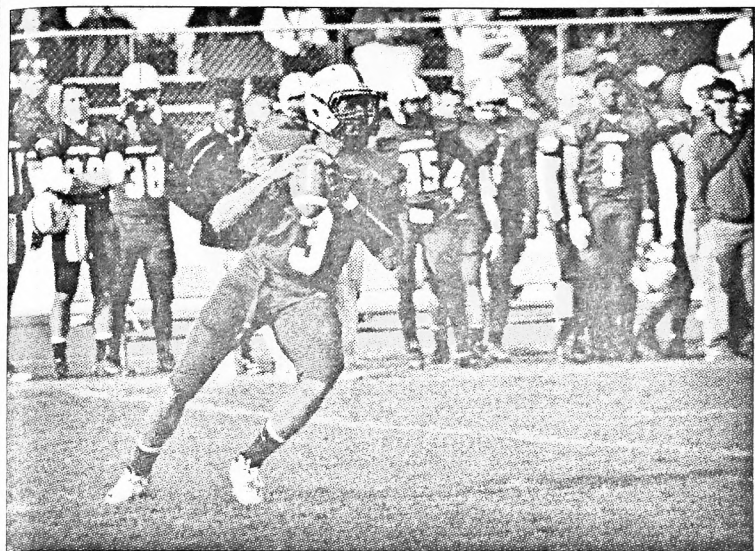
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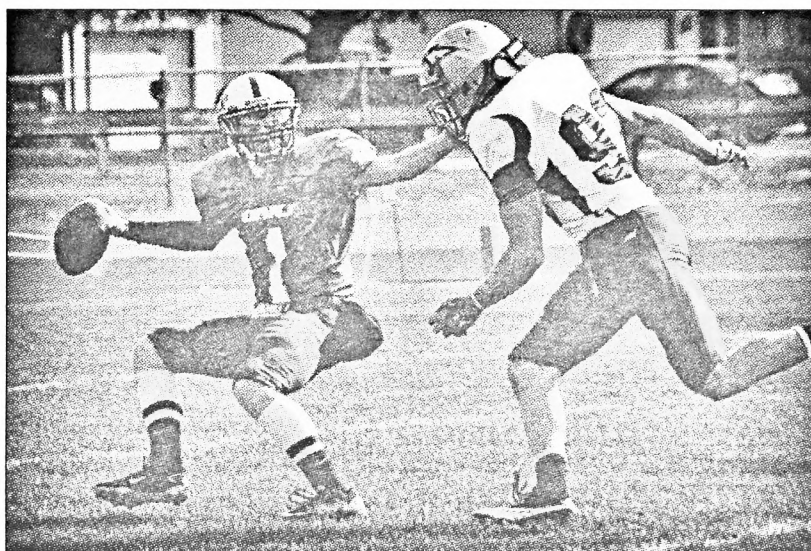
Olivet was picked as number two in the country in the NAIA polls

The team made it to the NAIA playoffs, losing in the first round

2000



"I love football and the Lord. ONU gave me the best opportunity to be with both," sophomore Mykul Pearson said, according to olivet.edu.



"ONU gave me the best opportunity to play college football and become closer to God throughout the process," freshman Christian Dobbs said, according to olivet.edu.

Olivet may not have won a football game this season, but this does not mean that they were not successful. Coaches and staff members are competitive and like to win games. But what you may not know is that they are just as concerned with the players spiritual well being as well as the record at the end of the season.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE GIBSON

and has struggled in some classes, he has decided to stay at Olivet. He also does not like to lose, but he is not about to quit.

"The last time I lost every game I quit," he said. "I've decided to be more mature about it. I have fun playing football anywhere. And the coaches actually care about me."

Newsome confirmed that the players are important as people off the field, not just as players. So did Lee in an interview just before he resigned. Newsome particularly remembered one incident that showed the bond between coach and players.

"When I spoke in chapel a few years ago [in the spring of 2007], I was surprised when the football team's 'freedom group,' our Bible study, marched to the front of the chapel wearing their jerseys to lead the singing," Newsome said. "That moment so solidified our athletic philosophy that I couldn't stop crying, on stage, in front of 2000 students and faculty members."

Lee, who stepped down due to personal reasons, was once one of those students in chapel. He played football at Olivet, graduating in 1995. He then coached football at nearby Momence High School before moving up in the coaching world. He was head coach at Belhaven College in Mississippi when he heard about the position at Olivet through former teammates. He knew that if he came here he would have an opportunity to care for young men just as his coaches had cared for him at Olivet, he said.

"I wanted to make a difference. I wanted to impact players the way I'd been impacted."

Sophomore Austin Johnson and Taylor both said that when they were being re-

cruited they did decide to come to Olivet partly to become better men. However, for most players, scholarship money (and the recruiting styles of both Lee and Newsome) had much to do with why they decided to play football at Olivet.

"[Olivet] wanted me the most," junior Michael Bishop said. "Other schools would send me general letters that didn't even have my name, while Coach Newsome would personally call me."

Lee said when recruiting he looks for not just talent but for non-football qualities as well. That philosophy does not just apply to recruiting but how he coached for ONU as well.

"I want our players to be better husbands, fathers, Christians and better workers in the workplace after they leave Olivet," Lee said. "Faith comes first, then family. Our team motto is family. But first our coaches have got to live it. Then it will trickle down to our players. I want people on campus to look at our players and say, 'There's a good football player.' Not just athletically, but academically and spiritually too."

Students currently seem to lack respect for the football program itself. But when Newsome first came back to Olivet, students more than respected the program.

"I still remember [students] painting themselves and reaching over the fence at the tunnel giving everyone high fives," Newsome said. "Our student section was loud and proud."

During his time as head coach, Lee never saw such support. The stands might be full at the start of a game, but by the second half, it would be a different picture, despite efforts to improve attendance

at the games.

Sophomore Meghan Pipal said she did not go to any games this year because she was busy with soccer. But even if she was able, she said she still was unsure she would have gone. Both Pipal and fellow teammate sophomore Devin Johnston said that they had friends on the team and did not like watching them lose.

"I like to be supportive of our athletic teams," Johnston said. "It's frustrating to watch them not succeed."

Lee acknowledged earlier that his team still needed work to become successful. His goal was to continue to teach his young team and to improve with every game and every practice. He said his players did not quit on him. They kept coming back to work hard and to learn day after day.

"Our team is built of mostly freshmen," Lee said. "We have got to grow them up. Freshmen make mistakes, but eventually they'll grow up and get tired of getting beaten up. I've planted a seed and it'll grow," he said. "The harvest isn't here yet. The best football is yet to come."

Not long after, Lee's resignation was announced.

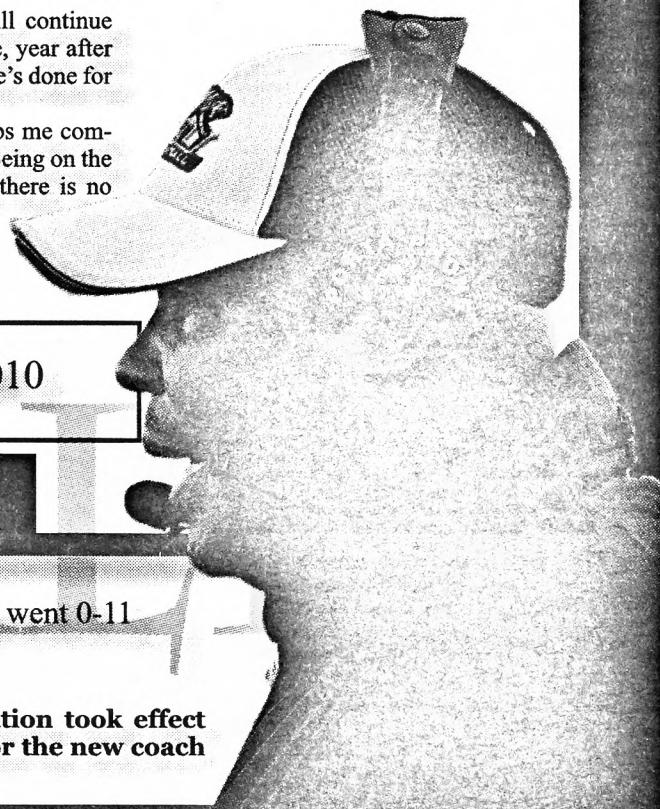
Though the football Lee predicted did not come, Doenges has hope that it will.

"There have been ups and downs throughout the years," he said. "I think we'll be back."

Until then, Doenges will still continue to come back, game after game, year after year, to man the clock, just as he's done for the past almost forty years.

"I think the excitement keeps me coming back each year," he said. "Being on the bench to run the clock, well, there is no better seat."

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2004

The last time Olivet had a winning record. The team went 6-5

2010

The team went 0-11

Olivet went 7-5

2007

Coach Don Lee's resignation took effect on Nov. 17. The search for the new coach is in progress.

College Church helps make ONU feel like home

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"Away from home and wish you had a chance to know the people in this community? The families in the College Church University Campus congregation would enjoy getting to know you. Allow someone to "adopt" you for a day or the year. Who knows, maybe you'll be friends for life."

This advertisement from College Church invites students to find a host family within the congregation through the Adopt-A-Student Program. The goal is to create an environment where students feel that Olivet is their home away from home.

Olivet has partnered with College Church for the Adopt-A-Student Program. College Church had a similar program in the past, but this year they have reintroduced it with a new concept that involves a feedback committee with four different members that vary in age and a student representative. The committee's purpose was to bring more ideas and opinions to the table for discussing ways of improving the program.

Pastor Mark Quanstrom approached Barbara Hartness, lay ministry council member, with the idea of starting the program. Quanstrom represents different facets of the congregation and reports on many aspects of the congregation.

"We started the meetings in August and thought of ways to develop fellowship among members of the congregation and University students," Hartness said.

The program is specifically for the University students now as opposed to offering the program at the North Campus as well.

In order to get involved in the program, the congregation was given questionnaire cards for adults and students. Students were given the option of being adopted for one day or for the entire year and they could also choose whether to be adopted with a friend or roommates.

The questionnaire included questions about their favorite food, restaurant, hobbies and any allergic reactions.

The committee brainstormed ideas on various activities the families could do together. The ideas ranged from meals together to going shopping.

Hartness is also a host to sophomore Megan Huntsman.

There are many ways students and host families can help each other enjoy a friendship outside of college. One event already offered to participants was the Hanging of the Greens, where students and their host families were welcomed to decorate College Church together for Christmas.

Because of the program, Hartness said, one student in particular said she felt more at home with people in College Church than her home church.

Sophomore Kelsey McNulty chose to participate in the Adopt-A-Student program with her friend Sara Warner to be more involved in the community and her church family.

"I felt like it would help me feel more connected with college church and get to know other people of a different age group and just feel more like a church family," she said.

Currently, there are 83 students and 34 host families. Most students like to be paired with their roommates or friends that they know.

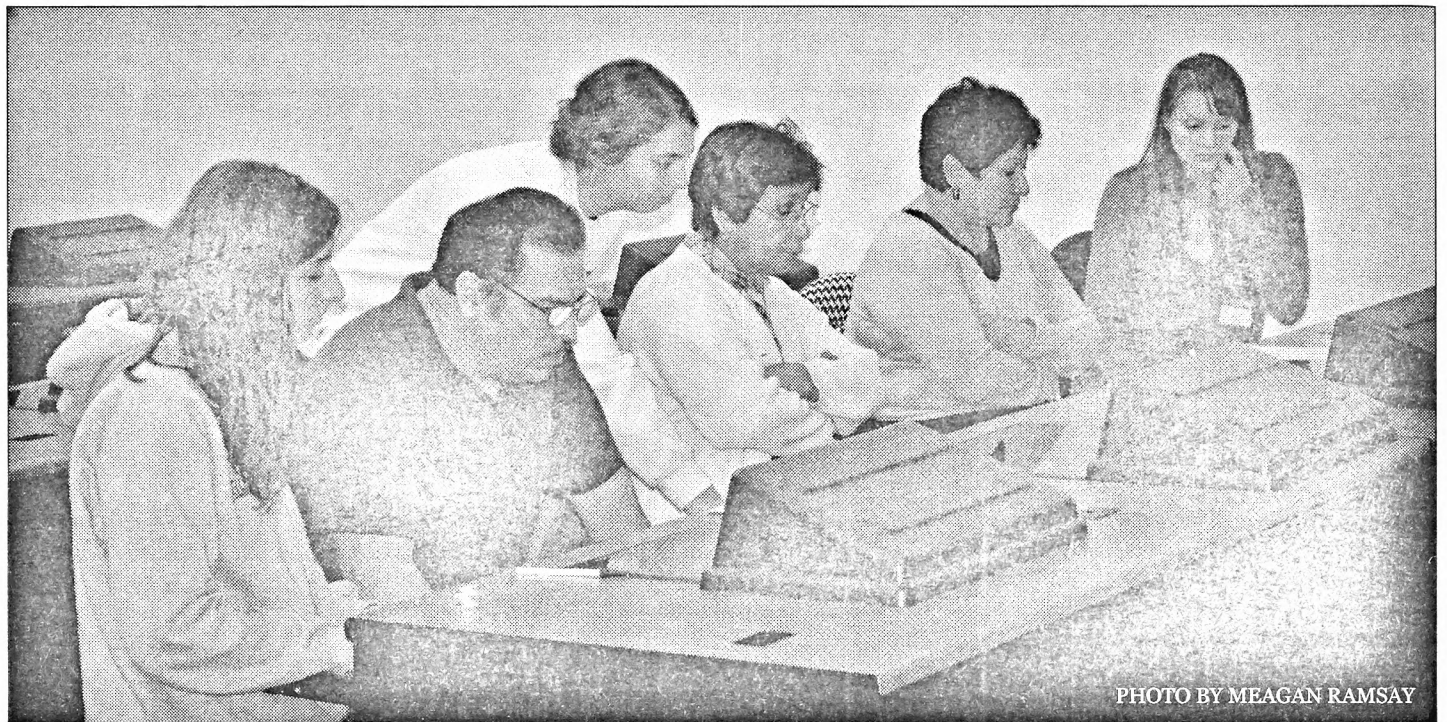


PHOTO BY MEAGAN RAMSAY

"Hispanic Project" was organized for local Spanish-speakers in need of basic computer skills. ONU students volunteered their time to practice language skills. Pictured are sophomore Katherine Hozian, José Terrazas, sophomore Megan Polsley, Estela Terrazas, Raquel Dominguez and sophomore Tianna Frey.

'Hispanic Project' teaches computer skills

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SIFE and Spanish students recently held sessions to teach local Hispanics the basics of computer technology.

For "Hispanic Project," every Tuesday night for three weeks, Spanish speakers from the Kankakee area met with Olivet students to learn how to use Microsoft Office tools like Word and Excel, how to successfully and safely surf the Internet and how to create an email account.

Junior Mayra Trejo developed the project for SIFE as a way to benefit people in need.

"If we have the opportunity to help the community, why shouldn't we?" she said.

Junior Hugo Moriya volunteered his time to observe the sessions and improve what was being taught. He said they had to go back to the basics for many of the participants before teaching them how to use the programs or the Internet. Many needed

to learn what the desktop was, or how to even find Microsoft Word.

Trejo worked with ESL Supervisor Lupita Arredondo-Sorich from Kankakee Community College to contact area Hispanics.

"Mayra volunteered to organize a computer program class to educate Spanish speaking adults," said Sorich. "I supported ONU students' efforts by letting our Kankakee County Spanish speaking population know about these great resources."

Olivet Spanish professors notified students of the opportunity to work with native speakers one-on-one. Trejo said student response was so great that each student got to work individually with a Spanish speaker.

Junior Sebastian Esquetini was asked to help since he is not only a native Spanish speaker, but also has experience with computer applications and business. He felt the program was a good opportunity for the community.

"It was a very beneficial project because most Hispanics are set apart in the business world because they don't have the skills re-

quired," Esquetini said.

He also said it was beneficial for students because they had to deal with people who only spoke Spanish.

Sophomore Cassie Brainard volunteered her time because she wanted to assist the community while practicing her Spanish speaking.

Trejo said she was grateful for the computer lab in Weber because without it students and community members would not have been as willing to participate.

"It was nice to have access to the facilities because many of these people don't have computers, so it's nice that they could get practice here," Trejo said.

While the original purpose was to create a project for SIFE, Trejo became aware through the sessions of the need for more opportunities benefitting community members in need. She wants more volunteer projects to be organized to satisfy the demand for help and resources in the area.

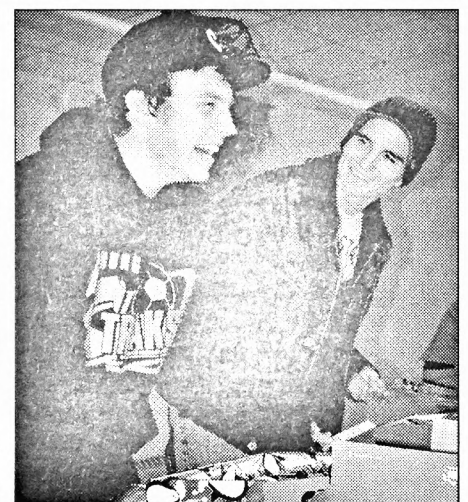
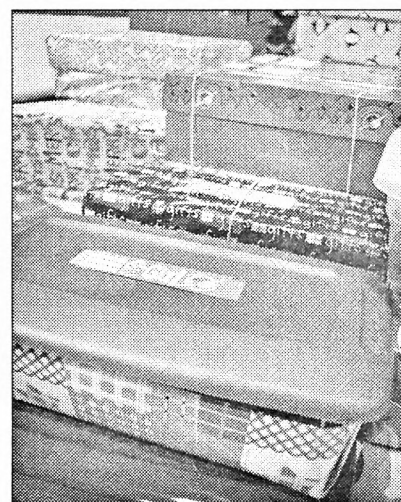
"It was good for one semester, but it needs to continue," Trejo said.

Operation Christmas Child wraps up



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Students wrapped gifts for Operation Christmas Child in Weber and Olde Oak Lounge. They filled shoe boxes with presents to be sent to children in need. The boxes were turned in to Chalfant Hall during chapel. Pictured from the top are: junior Natalie Begick, senior Paige Watson, sophomore Isaiah Peachey and junior Jerry Hendrickson.



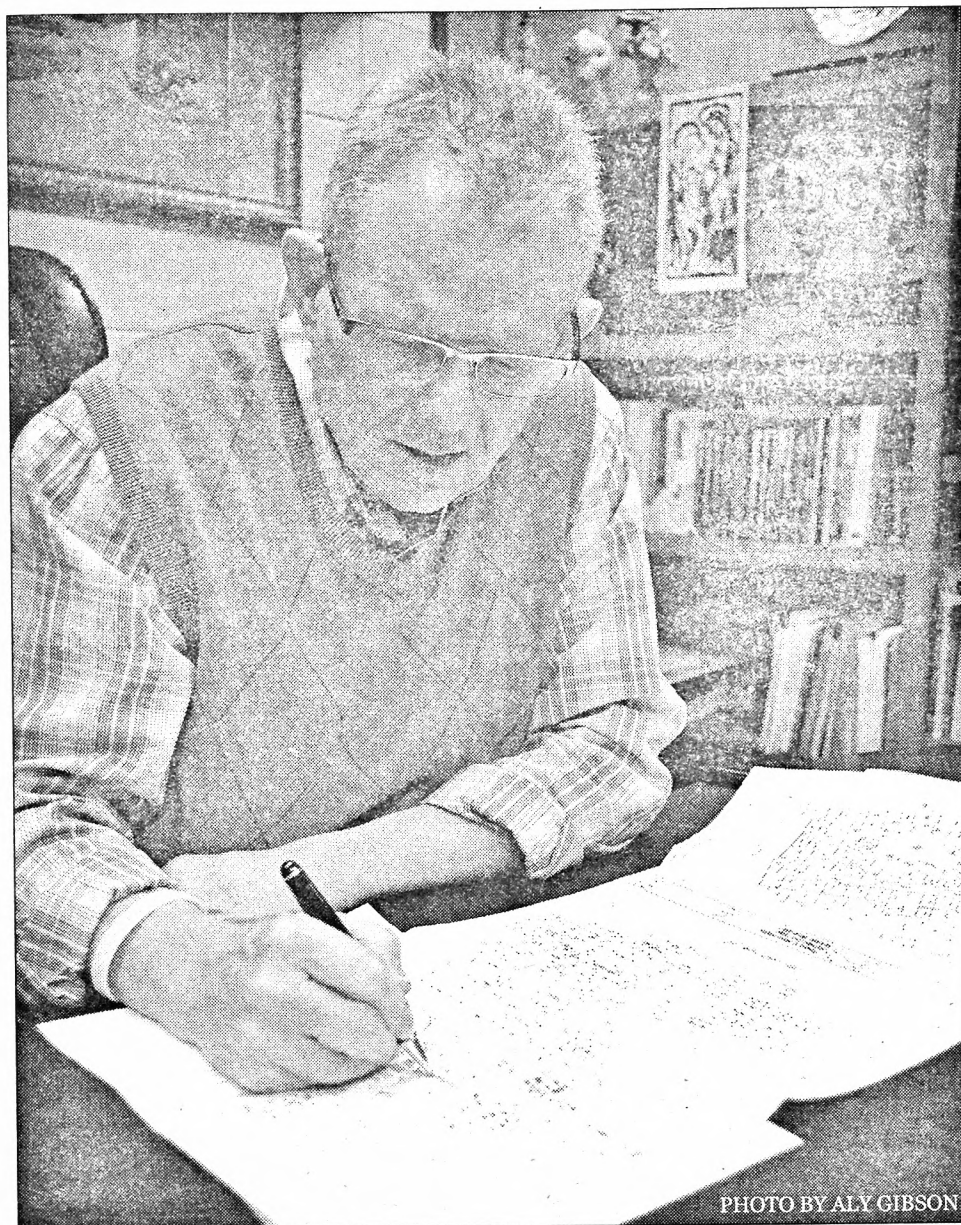


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"The Lord is everywhere in the hospital, I see it every day. The CEO and his administration are such a blessing in this project...they inspire me every time I go there. It's refreshing when the executive team gets excited about the forward movement of this project. I'm allowed to use my artistic creativity and I'm surrounded by a team of people who love the Lord and want to create that love throughout the hospital."

- Dr. Bill Greiner

Dr. Bill Greiner hopes to bring themes like "powerful healing" and the concept of faith to the floors of Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee by centralizing the interior decor around them. The project is expected to be finished in the next three years.

Greiner remodels hospital

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The next three years will prove to be a busy time for ONU Arts Department Chair Bill Greiner.

While teaching courses on campus, Greiner will be responsible for helping remodel the interior of Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He will also be instrumental in getting a brand new major established for students at Olivet: art therapy.

For the last 20 years, Greiner worked with Provena St. Mary's Hospital with the company that he previously owned, Riverside Gallery. After referring several artistic touches to the hospital in the past, they posed a new challenge to Greiner, asking him to work on a "master art plan" for the building.

"I'm working on the main floor making suggestions where wall hangings and sculptures could be placed," Greiner said. "My responsibilities are to ... identify areas that could expand their heritage."

Along with artistic suggestions, Greiner is also responsible for making the concept of faith and "powerful healing" a centralized theme among the hospital. Small vinyl banners along the ceilings of each floor, different paintings, and sculptures are pieces of art that Greiner will suggest, hoping they convey those messages.

"The Lord is everywhere in the hospital, I see it every day," Greiner said. "The CEO and his administration ... inspire me every time I go there. It's refreshing when they get excited about the movement of this project."

But since this project is over

a span of three years, Greiner has incorporated his work with Provena St. Mary's Hospital with his teaching. He is working to institute an art therapy major.

"In conjunction with Provena St. Mary's Hospital, students would be able to do practicum and internships there," Greiner said.

This new avenue further connects Greiner's work with the hospital and his responsibilities here on campus. After his teaching duties are done for the day, his time management skills come into play and he continues his planning for the vision of Provena St. Mary's Hospital.

"It's doable but I must make every moment count in the day," Greiner said.

This major venture also counts as a faculty scholarship for Greiner. He says the way he's going about the scholarship is different from how other professors have.

"Scholarship in this case is the research and the consulting work, along with implementation of a project, which uses my expertise in art," Greiner said. "The goal is to create a model that others can use to recreate what I will have done at Provena St. Mary's Hospital."

But while many would find the tasks that Greiner takes on daunting, he finds the joy in being able to teach about a subject he loves as well as work with a community-based organization intent on spreading God's word and helping others. He credits the people he works with for giving him much of his inspiration.

"I am surrounded by a team of people who love the Lord and want to create that love throughout the hospital," Greiner said.

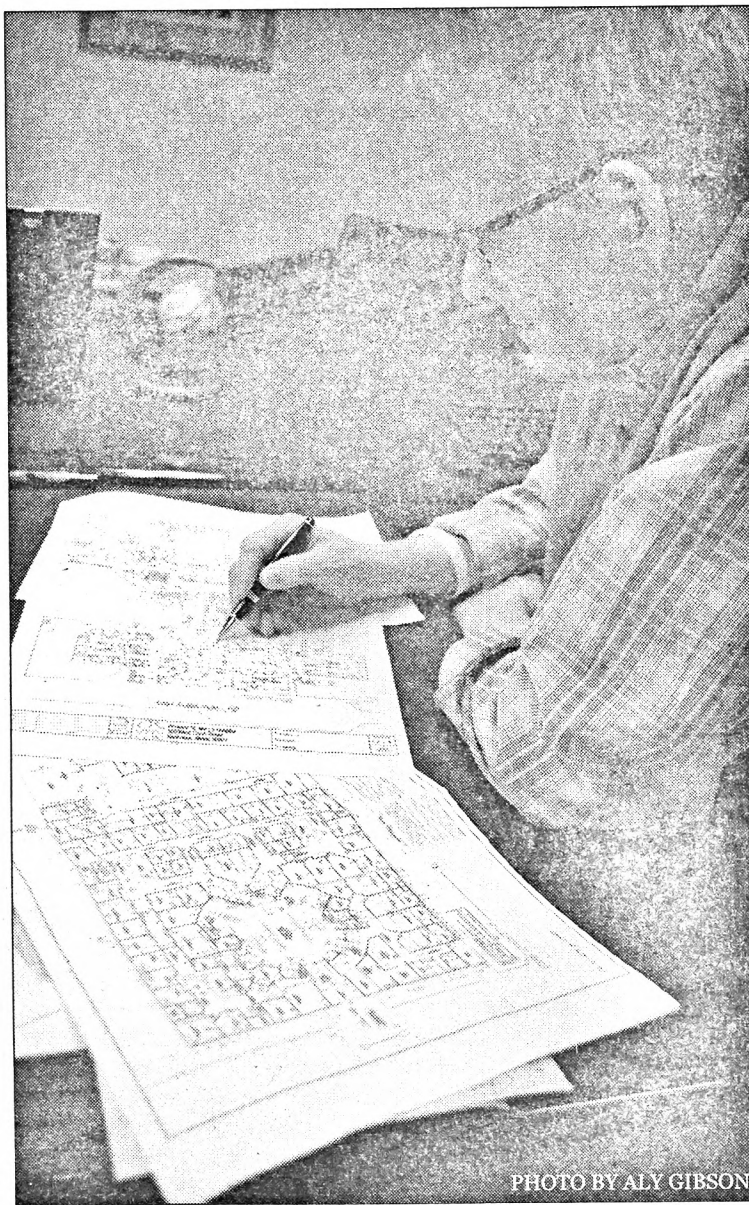


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Dr. Bill Greiner maps out different art ideas for Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee on the blue prints he keeps in his office on ONU's campus. For his scholarship, he took on the task of remodeling the interior of the hospital by coming up with a "master art plan" which is comprised of artistic suggestions for the different wings. Each idea is meant to expand the heritage of the area and comfort patients.

Audience wowed by 'Messiah' in Centennial Chapel

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There could not have been a more fitting way of breaking in Olivet's new Ruffati pipe organ than with the Department of Music's 75th annual Christmas production of Handel's "Messiah" last Saturday.

And the fact that the mass audience also participated by singing along to the "Hallelujah Chorus", made the event even more memorable.

The bitterly cold wind was soon forgotten as four distinguished conductors took turns in leading the ONU orchestra - with organist Timothy Nelson behind the Italian masterpiece. Drs. George Dunbar and Harlow Hopkins showed that time did nothing to diminish their conducting skills. According to the program, Dunbar was conductor of the ONU orchestra 25 years ago. Hopkins first held the baton in 1961.

They took turns with Drs. Jeff Bell and Neal Woodruff, who also sang the first solo. Student soloists Alicia Carter (soprano), Taylin Frame (contralto); tenor Seth Lowery, and basses Paul Drace, Reuben Lillie and David Rice further starred in the event with the almost 120 members of the Chrysalis Women's Choir, Testament Men's Choir, and Orpheus Choir.

Dr. Don Reddick, chairman of the Music Department, said between 2,000 and 2,500 people - a record number, attended the event.

Sophomore Megan Huntsman, a music education major and member of the Orpheus Choir said the fact that the concert was held in the new chapel added something special to this year's performance. "It was really nice to have one night with everyone in attendance in a building that was made for worship."

Annie Atwater, also a sophomore, agreed. She was especially impressed that so many people from the communities of Kankakee, Bradley and Bourbonnais attended the event.

However, it was the music people came to marvel at. Atwater noted that many of the sections towards the end of the oratorio moved her most. "Some of them were so beautiful," she said.

But the "Hallelujah Chorus" remains the most popular, and the audience is traditionally invited to join in. Huntsman said that was her favorite part of the evening. "That many people singing together for one purpose, was unforgettable."



Junior Kelly Kraker opted against the conventional backpack for this trendy zebra-print shoulder bag.

Trendy totes gain popularity

Students prefer fashionable bags over backpacks

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Traditional backpacks are out; fashionable school bags are in. With so many trendy offerings at retail stores, many college students are stuck deciding between conventional and new and exciting bags.

That is precisely what many Olivet students have been doing for some time. By ditching the regular backpack and going for stylish shoulder and messenger bags, students are gaining another way to express themselves around campus.

Sophomore Corrine Wieringa sports an oversized messenger bag, something many of her peers have chosen over the traditional bookbag. With bold flowers, paisley print, and a cream background, the bag boasts support

while still remaining feminine, leaving Wieringa with several options for how to accessorize.

"I chose the bag because I can fit pretty much everything into it—even my laptop," Wieringa said.

She bought it when she realized she needed a new backpack, but decided on the trendier shoulder bag, something newer and fresher, and also more feminine.

Junior Emily Wood had a similar experience, and ended up loving the choice as well. Initially, Wood bought her multicolored bag to use as a purse, but then transformed it into a bag for her classes. It fit her style better, as well as became more functional.

The bag's gold hardware and brown leather straps serve a dual purpose: they make the bag sturdier and add to the fashion statement Wood tries to make. Wood said she decided on a patterned

bag because it was cuter than just a regular backpack and looked usable for her French text and notebook, which are larger in size and needed more support.

"It's really useful because it's wide, but it can't hold more than two or three books," Wood said.

Junior Kelly Kraker took a bolder step with her style, however.

She can be found displaying her durable shoulder bag around campus, which has a brown and cream zebra pattern. It has lasted her through classes and campus life for two years and still has the element of style she enjoys. But while the bag is usable and functional, Kraker had another reason for making the fashionable purchase.

"I bought it because I love anything zebra," she said. "But it replaces a backpack because I use it every day."

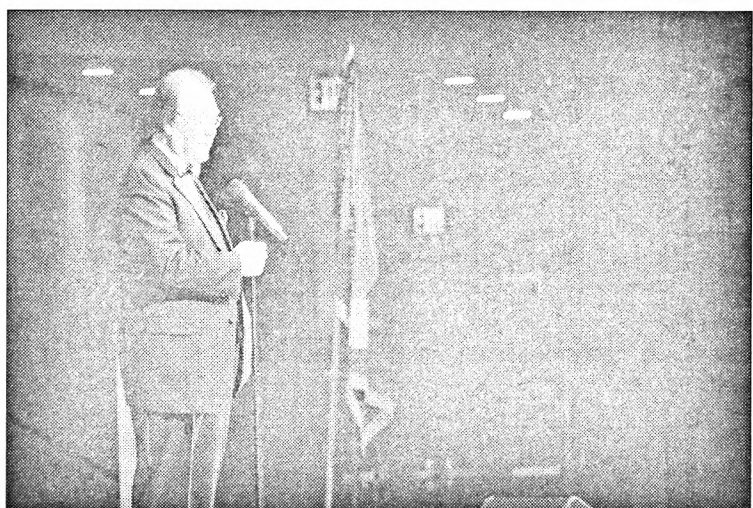
Rodriguez sings in Chapel's inaugural concert



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The "singing policeman," above, Daniel Rodriguez performed in the Centennial Chapel on Nov. 13 for a veteran's day celebration. Many veterans and their families joined Rodriguez to commemorate their service in the military over the years. Rodriguez was also accompanied by world-reknowned pianist, right, Ovid Young, his wife, Marla Rodriguez, top right, also an opera singer, and their daughter, Alexandra, top left.



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Ozone adds spirit club

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Students can now officially become a fan of ONU athletics. A fan club is in the works as a part of the Ozone initiative.

"We lack school spirit [at ONU]," sophomore Autumn Lourash said. "I want to change that."

Lourash has organized the new club in order to do just that. Her goal is to get Olivet students together to collectively cheer on teams at athletic events. Meetings include learning cheers and rules of the games and provide an opportunity for students to get to know each other as well.

Coming to Olivet where students rarely stand during athletic events was a letdown for Lourash, who was a cheerleader in high school with a lot of school spirit.

"At basketball games we don't even stand for tipoff, and we don't stand for the last two minutes," she said. "That's just simple etiquette for games."

Eventually Lourash decided to do something about it.

"I was talking to my RA about how I wanted to get more involved," Lourash said. "My RA then asked me what I was interested in, and I'm really into school spirit."

Lourash then contacted Amanda Jensen, the head of Ozone, about starting the club. She immediately jumped on board.

Jensen stressed the importance that this club is student led.

"When you have ownership in something, you want to be involved," she said.

Jensen said they are still getting the word out about the club.

"We're just getting the ball rolling," she said. "With [basketball] conference starting in January, we want to start getting people familiar with it now."

Lourash agreed.

"You can't expect our teams to win if we don't cheer for them," she said. "And it's way more fun than just sitting there anyway."

Men's club volleyball begins season strong

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The Men's Club Volleyball team started their season by advancing to the Gold Bracket, the name for the top half of the competition, at the Lewis University Tournament at the school's Romeoville campus.

The men will compete in more tournaments next semester but do not have a set schedule just yet.

Because the club practiced twice a week this semester and will meet three times a week next semester, they are more than prepared for their main season.

"It seems like the first tournament [of the season] is always pretty rough for the Olivet team. This last tournament we did pretty well though," senior Brad Reed said. "I feel like we're a couple steps ahead of where we normally would be at this point."

The team has some returning players but many new members too. The new guys are not slowing down the team at all though.

"We have a good core of people returning from last year, and the newcomers are picking it up quickly," Coach Sue Jacobson said. "As long as they keep it up, we'll be good."

Next semester's tournaments will most likely include Northern and Western Illinois Universities, Loyola and North Park Universities and Moody Bible Institute, according to Jacobson.

The team is a club, not a varsity sport, which makes some aspects of the season difficult.

"People have other priorities," Reed said. He said the team has had to cancel one or two tournaments so far because players had previous engagements to keep.

These difficulties will only make the team try harder though.



PHOTO BY ALY GIBSON

Sophomore Matt Smith gets up for a spike during practice for Olivet's men's club volleyball team. The team is already off to a good start this year after placing in the top 25 last season.

"We are running a new offense this year," Reed said. "By the time Nationals comes around we're going to be a tough squad."

Olivet's men's club volleyball team is apart of the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Regional and the Great Plains Men's Volleyball Conference. Nationals will be held in Houston, Texas.

"We were number 17 in the nation in 2009," Jacobson said.

"This year we're trying for the top 25 again."

The team members are as follows: senior Phil Merki, freshman Chris Ingersol, freshman Nate Ferris, freshman Tyle Koch, freshman Brian Willoughby, senior Andrew Strombeck, sophomore Jimmy Funk, freshman Tanner Garner, sophomore Matt Smith, freshman Carl Nutter, sophomore Christian Wall, junior Colton Smith and senior Brad Reed.

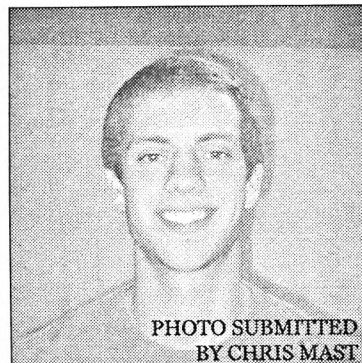


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Mast transfers from MVNU for senior year

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Fifth-year senior Christopher Mast has started every varsity collegiate soccer game since his freshman year. Even with his success, he has other reasons to play though.

"I play because I love the game and I love the people I play with," Mast said.

Mast originally attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio, before transferring to Olivet for his final fifth year. This fall, he quickly became a leader on Olivet's men's soccer team, being named to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference second-team, according to Olivet's website.

During his freshman year at MVNU, he broke his ankle and took a red shirt for the season. He then played 3 years at the Ohio school before he made a last minute decision to transfer to their sister school.

"I felt like I connected here and I liked the campus" Mast said.

Transferring schools may not have been the easiest thing, but one thing he said he was really thankful for is the support of his parents. They have attended every single game despite living eight hours away.

According to Mast, his family played a large role in developing his love for soccer. Growing up with two older brothers, sports were a dominant part of their lives, soccer in particular.

"[My brothers] both played soccer and college soccer, which is a big reason why I played," Mast said.

Soccer has continued to be a huge part of his life. Mast helped his MVNU soccer team earn two trips to the NAIA National Championship Tournament in 2008 and 2009 and has been successful at Olivet as well.

His studies are just as important as soccer, however. Mast was named an ESPN Academic All-American while at MVNU. This award honors student-athletes who manage to excel in their studies.

Mast, an accounting and economic major, will be finishing up his last year with plans to graduate in May. He already has a job lined up next October with GBQ, an accounting firm in Columbus, Ohio. Mast also hopes to travel to Europe over the summer and to attend the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil.

His soccer career will not end at graduation. He has lead soccer camps in Alaska and at the YMCA. His dream job would be becoming a full-time coach at a college or high school while also working with the youth programs during their off season.

Fall sports seasons come to an end

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As the semester is finishing, sports seasons are finishing as well. Some came out on top while others did not.

Cross Country

The women's cross country team placed 11 out of 32 teams at NAIA Nationals this past month after winning the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship.

According to the NAIA website, the team had two top 50 individual place finishers. Sophomore Kortney Ellinboe was 43 out of 331 runners and senior Lauren Versweyveld was 44.

The men's team took second place at the conference meet and qualified two runners to the national meet. Senior Kenny MacDonough placed 51 while sophomore Kasey Ferrigan took 89 out of 326 runners.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team fell just one game short of having a chance to repeat their conference

championship, finishing 12-6-1 overall and 8-2-0 in CCAC play, according to Olivet's website.

The team ended with a loss to CCAC champion St. Xavier, after having beaten them in the regular season. Olivet finished third in the conference regular season, according to the CCAC website.

The men had a CCAC first team selection in senior goalkeeper Kenny Huber, according to Olivet's website, while senior forward Billy Jackson and senior midfielder Chris Mast were named to the second team.

Volleyball

The volleyball team also fell short of playing for the CCAC conference tournament championship, losing to St. Xavier in semifinals after having tied for the regular season title.

The team finished 22-15 overall and 10-1 in CCAC play. This season was the first time since 2004 that they did not win the CCAC tournament, according to Olivet's website.

Olivet had three CCAC first team selections in senior middle

blocker Sara Byrne, junior middle blocker Molly Goldbach, and senior outside hitter Tara Schmidt. Junior libero DeeAnn Garvin and freshman setter Rachel Raynor were named to the second team.

Football

Olivet's football team finished 0-9 this year, and 0-7 in Mid-States Football Association Mid-east League.

Junior linebacker Joe Carter, Jr. was named to the MSFA Mid-east League second team, while junior wide receiver and punter Josh Howells, freshman wide receiver Josh Long, freshman defensive back Demetrius Brown, and senior defensive lineman Marty Pritchett were all honorable mentions, according to an article on Olivet's website.

Tennis

Both the men's and women's tennis teams saw successful fall seasons, with the men winning all four meets and the women winning three out of their four meets, according to Olivet's website.

Double partners Julian Kurz and freshman Landon Williams

won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Small College National Championship for doubles. Kurz finished last in the singles tournament after winning ITA Regionals to qualify. Aziza Butoyi also won the ITA Regionals on the women's side, facing teammate senior Erica Engelbrecht for the championship.

Golf

The women's golf team played their first season ever this fall. They competed in six meets, including the CCAC meet where they placed third out of five teams, according to Olivet's website.

Sophomore Nora Durkin tied for fifth place overall in the conference meet, which earned her a place on the CCAC squad. She's the first Olivet women's golf player in history to be named to the squad.

The men's golf team also competed this fall, playing in four meets, including a seventh place finish out of 23 teams at the University of St. Francis (Ill.) Fall Classic. The team will play again in the spring.

Women's soccer qualifies for nationals for first time

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Olivet's women's soccer team advanced to the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) national tournament this past fall for the first time in school history following their Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) tournament championship victory.

Though they failed to make it past the first round last month, losing in a penalty shootout 3-2 to the eventual national runner's up Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., there is still plenty of optimism.

"We can compete with anyone in the country," said Coach Bill Bahr. The team was 16-4-2 overall and finished second in conference play during the regular season with an 8-1-1 CCAC record. They then turned around to upset the top team, Robert Morris, in the conference tournament championship.

Overall, the team has accomplished a lot in their record-breaking year, Bahr said. Only 14 goals were scored against the Tigers in 22 games, which is the lowest total in team history. Senior midfielder Michelle Davis also broke the team record for career goals with a total of 62, breaking the previous record by four.

The team additionally had five players named to the all-conference squad, lead by junior midfielder Janel Schmitt

who was also named the CCAC Player of the Year. Joining her on the first team was Davis and senior defender Brittany Hengesh. Sophomore defender Devin Johnston and sophomore midfielder Meghan Pipal were named to the CCAC second team.

While they are certainly proud of what they have done, the team is looking forward to being even more successful next season.

"As a senior, my goal for next year will be to go even farther than we did this year and make it past the first round of NAIA nationals," junior Jessica Jones said.

Much work needs to be done for next year, but Bahr, who won his 150th game as coach this year, is well aware of it and has high expectations for the 2012 season.

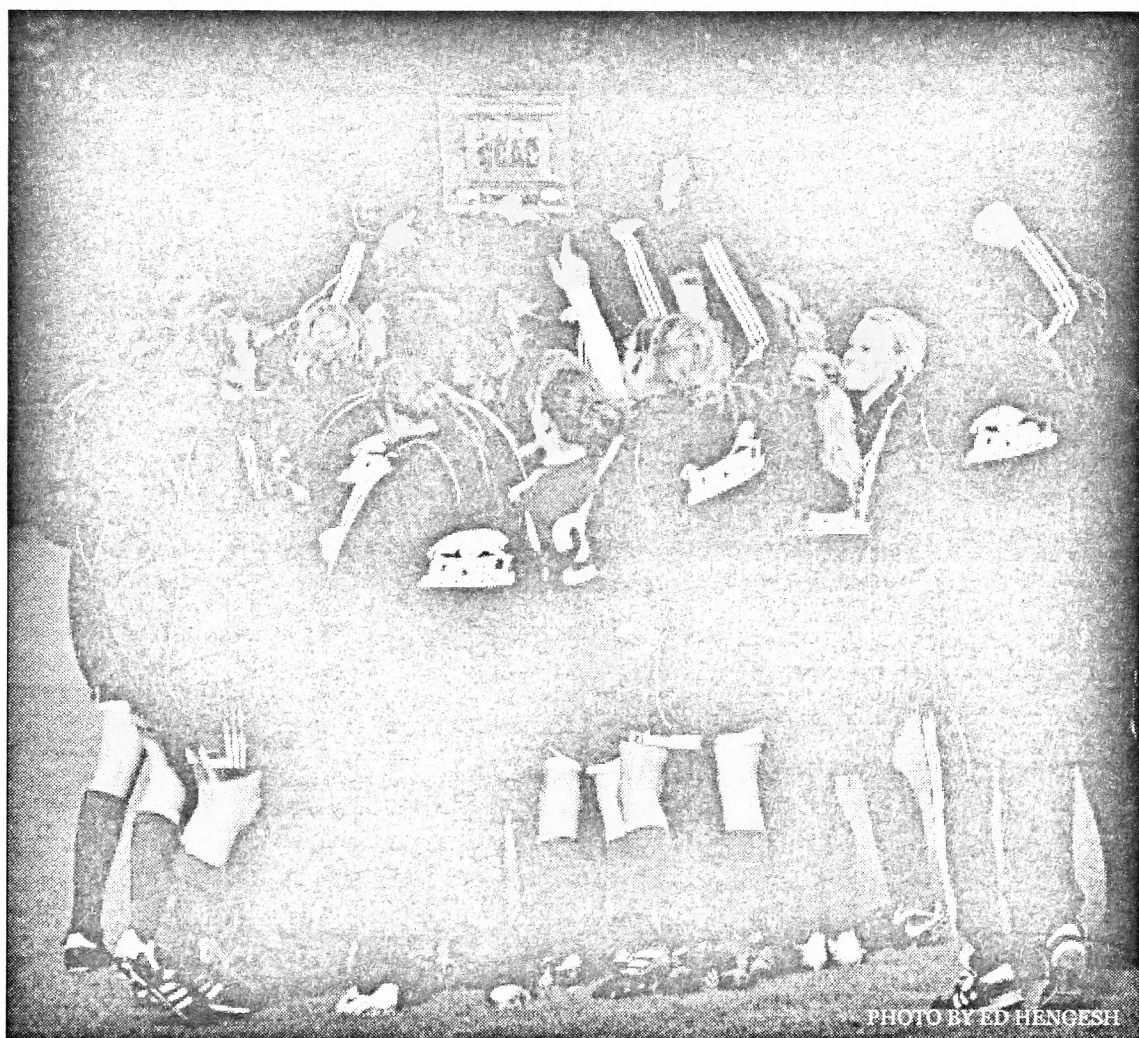
"We're still going to have to beat top-ranked teams like Robert Morris. We're also in one of the three most difficult conferences in the country. However, it also means the accomplishment of making it to the national tournament is that much more special," he said.

The team appears to have the right tools to do so.

"We're bringing in ten freshmen next year, and we're trying to host next year's tournament," Bahr said.

No matter how they do next year, the team acknowledges that they are undoubtedly close.

Schmitt said that her favorite part of the soccer program was simply feeling connected with the



The women's soccer team won the CCAC championship for the first time ever this season, qualifying for the NAIA National Tournament.

team, like "a family."

They also love being able to spread a spiritual message to others via soccer. This past summer the team even had the opportunity

to travel to Kenya to use soccer to minister to people there.

"We are one family brought together to perform the talents that God blessed us with to spread his

message with fellow athletes," said sophomore Emma Reutter.

With that type of mindset, next season will be a success, no matter what happens.

Quidditch no longer just for wizards - muggles play too

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Quidditch. In the wizard world, it is played on flying broomsticks high in the air. In the non-magical world, it is played on regular broomsticks, and some students at Olivet hope to join the growing ranks of quidditch-playing universities.

The game of quidditch dominates the world of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter." The books and movies depicting the sport have become so popular that many schools have begun playing a more realistic version of the game called muggle quidditch.

The idea of an Olivet quidditch team took shape after senior Seth Athialy talked to fellow students who watched an invitational match at Purdue University that took place this past October.

"After hearing from them I asked around and realized there seemed to be a good deal of student interest on campus," Athialy said. "It was time to start things in motion to eventually have our own teams."

Several people have already put teams together, and are prepared to begin playing once they have the necessary equipment.

Athialy hopes to have a lot of students involved in the game.

"It is my goal to bring the level



A Purdue University quidditch player runs down field during an invitational match last October. The match sparked interest in the sport for Olivet students.

of campus involvement in the sport to a point where Campus Rec will pick it up as an intramural sport on campus," he said.

Athialy has not been able to attend a live quidditch game, but has watched videos.

"It is a full contact sport," he said. "It's often described as a combination of rugby, dodge ball, and Ultimate Frisbee all done while holding a broom between one's legs."

Olivet's quidditch program

will follow the rules of the International Quidditch Association (IQA).

"People don't play basketball 100 percent by the rules all the time," Athialy said. "We do, however, ask that people wishing to

play attempt to familiarize themselves with the IQA rulebook."

The IQA rulebook describes a game played on an oval pitch similar to the pitch used at Hogwarts, the school for wizards in "Harry Potter."

Each of the two opposing teams has seven players on the field at any given time. Six chasers, three from each team, spend the game trying to kick or throw the quaffle (a volleyball) through one of the opponent's three goal hoops set up on either side of the pitch. Each goal is worth 10 points.

The team's two beaters throw bludgers (dodgeballs) at the chasers. If hit, the chaser must release the quaffle.

One keeper guards the goal hoops, and tries to prevent the quaffle from going through.

The last player is the seeker whose only goal is to catch the snitch. The snitch is a tennis ball placed in a yellow sock. The sock's loose end is tucked into the shorts of the snitch runner, who spends the game trying to evade both seekers.

The game ends when the snitch is caught, and the seeker who catches the snitch earns 30 points for his or her team.

Students interested in playing quidditch can visit the group's Facebook page, Olivet Nazarene University Quidditch Association, for more information.